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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to stocking of waters located on private
2 property.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.78, Code 2019, is amended by
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 **481A.78 Stocking private water.**

5 The commission shall not stock a private pond or lake.
6 However, the commission may stock a creek or stream flowing
7 through private property.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Under current law, the natural resource commission may stock
12 private water only when the owner of the private water agrees
13 that such water shall be open to the public for fishing. The
14 commission may provide a breeding stock of fish for privately
15 owned farm ponds upon the request of the owner.

16 This bill prohibits the commission from stocking a private
17 lake or pond. The commission may, however, stock a creek or
18 stream that flows through private property.